

The British-Israel-World Federation NEWSLETTER

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Our Focus for 2013

by the President

THE QUESTION OF LEADERSHIP – Whose Kingdom is it?

We are at this time concerned with the question of leadership in the West. The US presidential election has resulted in the re-election of President Obama. In England the selection of the new Archbishop of Canterbury will prove crucial for the Church of England. *The New Statesman* at the end of September featured the fight for the Church of England's soul with the very bold cover headline **'WHO COMES NEXT?'** The article by George Pitcher, **"Between church and state,"** had the sub title, "Archbishop Rowan Williams understood the need to speak truth to power. His successor must do the same." Pitcher wrote: "Lambeth Palace is treated as another chamber of parliament on the south bank of the Thames. It follows that the next archbishop [Justin Welby, Bishop of Durham], walks into a highly political job. But should it be so? Should the archbishop want it to be so?"

Meanwhile our Coalition government is weighed down with the economic cut back due to the international banking crisis and the effects of what is happening in the eurozone. There is a sense that a huge upheaval is approaching.

The Prime Minister is also being much talked about for his lack of judgment and shallowness – especially after he launched 'gay marriage' without warning on the Conservative Party in 2011.

We now hear that Downing Street has held a meeting with American activists, asking for their advice on how to win the campaign to redefine marriage. David Cameron's aides admit they are losing the argument and they've asked American activists to help them fight back.

The Coalition for Marriage campaign has shown that redefining marriage is unpopular, divisive, and would have far-reaching impact. It has been putting pressure on the Government and winning the argument. Its fringe meeting at the Conservative Party Conference in the Birmingham Town Hall was packed out to hear a barn-storming speech by Ann Widdecombe, the former Conservative MP and Lord Carey, the former Archbishop of Canterbury.

Ed Miliband, in his speech on 2 October as leader of the Labour Party, at their Conference in Manchester, said he had faith, but *not* religious faith. He concluded by saying that he owed everything to Britain. How good that Britain was here to provide the place of safety for his parents. He also spoke of Britain being **'One Nation'** over 40 times – quoting Disraeli, who was a Sephardic Jew!

Other headlines from recent publications have included *Standpoint's* cover which proclaimed: **"WANTED – A leader for the West."**

On 22 August 2012 *The Times* carried a comment article by Bronwen Maddox, Editor of *Prospect* magazine, under the heading: **"Mitt's weird faith should be an election issue."** Among some of the 'strange beliefs' she relates is "the [Mormon] Church's conviction that its members are direct descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and are now 'members of the House of Israel'."

TIME magazine on 8 October featured 'The Mormon Identity.' It related the sermon of Marion G Romney, a cousin of Mitt Romney, speaking at the biannual Mormons' General Conference in 1976 on the eve of America's bicentennial, the sermon was titled "America's Destiny." He spoke of America's "final great and glorious destiny. Here Zion is to be established and the New Jerusalem is to be built. From here the law of God shall go forth to all nations."

This is considered weird because it is coming from the Mormons. However, the whole subject of British-Israel may well come into more open discussion as a result of the Romney campaign.

The Throne of the Lord

The question of ruling in government in the context of the Kingdom of God upon earth is a powerful one in that it envisions the actual coming into His Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ to take up the Throne of the Lord in our

midst as the King of kings and Lord of lords. The promise is that the Lord's reign when He takes up the throne of His father David – and it must exist on earth for Him to take it up – will not end.

When we see the State Opening of Parliament at Westminster, there is displayed to the nation – and indeed the world – a unique and very great history that is reaching back for a thousand years. And for those who take part in this magnificent spectacle, the strict adherence to the traditions of the ceremony is *all important*. The television commentator talks in hushed tones as the historic ceremony proceeds.

When the Queen enters the House of Lords, wearing the Imperial State Crown and in full regalia, the trumpet fanfare sends chills down the spine. Of course it does, because whether people realise it or not, what is being witnessed to in this ceremony, are the very elements of that Kingdom of God for which we pray in the prayer that the Lord taught us to pray. Indeed, it was Jesus Himself who gave us the order of prayer for the Kingdom of God to come into its fullness on earth as it is in heaven: "*Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.*" The Kingdom is the Lord's. He will come to take up the Crown and at the appointed time.

Nowhere else in the world is Church and State encompassed in one Office, that of the Crown; both Head of State and Supreme Governor of the Church of England. The British Royal Throne is called 'the world's greatest throne,' because that indeed is what it is, coming from the previous and equally long Diamond Jubilee reign of the Victorian era and the British Empire, on which the sun never set.

Discernment and the Secret Things

Seemingly, however, despite there being every recognizable mark proclaiming that this is a continuation of Israel in our State Opening of Parliament, the fact goes unrecognized by those involved, except of course for HM The Queen herself and a few others who never openly declare what, we feel sure, they know to be true.

Even those who would jealously guard our traditions in a patriotic sense seem not to discern what is going on in their

very midst. The reason of course is the fact that the secret things of God are not revealed on a general scale until the right moment. This is the reality of our witness to the nation over the years.

After the 'Elijah' message of the Kingdom turned the hearts of the children to the fathers, the first half of the twentieth century witnessed the convulsive upheaval of 'the great and dreadful day of the Lord.' Truly nothing on the same scale and force had been seen in the recorded history of the world. The sense of impending climax moving towards the coming of the King of kings, if we go into our archives, reached a very high level of expectation.

What followed was a very real sense of anti-climax when the European Project raised its ugly head and Britain, Ireland and Denmark joined *the then* EEC – a powerful trading organisation that was vital for our future prosperity we were told. Nevertheless we in this Federation maintained the conviction that this Project and our involvement would come to no good end. Then when the single currency of the eurozone propelled the majority of the EU members along a path of high economic risk, we, along with the euro-sceptic movement, raised the level of our witness and we were thankful that Britain did not abandon Sterling and plunge into the eurozone.

Who Noticed the Crunch Coming?

What utter madness it would have been and what a state of banking instability would be increasing upon us now – far more that we have already seen. This is now being said in terms of our escape from the inevitable crash that is coming. Our banking system is involved in that there is a web of debt in which our banks are at a degree of risk and in which we have obligations on the bail-outs through 2013. However, we do not expect that the scenes of social unrest in Greece and now in Spain will be in evidence here in the United Kingdom.

The monetary flow of the *prophetic* river 'Euphrates' has been diverted and its liquidity has dried up. On 5 November 2008, *The Telegraph* carried this revealing and somewhat dramatic headline:

"The Queen asks why no one saw the

credit crunch coming – The Queen, whose personal fortune is estimated to have fallen £25 million in the credit crunch, has demanded to know why no one saw the financial crisis coming."

The Queen was visiting the London School of Economics to open the £71 million New Academic Building. During a briefing by academics on the turmoil on the international markets the Queen asked a very pertinent question, saying: "**Why did nobody notice it?**" – i.e. developing. Prof Luis Garicano, director of research at the LSE's management department, had explained the origins and effects of the credit crisis when she opened the building. The Queen, who studiously avoids controversy and never gives away her opinions, then described the turbulence on the markets as "**awful.**"

Prof Garicano said: "She was asking me if these things were so large how come everyone missed it." He told the Queen: "At every stage, someone was relying on somebody else and everyone thought they were doing the right thing."

As is contained in our small booklet *The Divine Economic System for Lasting Prosperity and Peace*, the 7 year economic cycle for the release of debts was certainly operating in 2008, coming as it did exactly 7 years after the attack and collapse of the Twin Towers in September 2001. It was therefore not that nobody noticed it, but that nobody had the overall vision of the economic factors at work in the Kingdom upon earth. They just needed the *oil of understanding!*

Madrid is on the brink. A stand-off in Spain began on 25 September – the turmoil in the eurozone has been pressing in upon the weaker countries, especially Spain. Since this stand-off began on 25 September, the images of police brutality have travelled the world over, shocking and inspiring people across Europe, leading to an international day of action on 29 September – our **Day of Prayer** and Israel's day, being St Michael and All Angels Day.

Most significantly, 25 September marked 666 months (Europe's 'Beast' system and gold) since the Treaty of Rome was signed on 25 March 1957. According to a senior European source

quoted by *Reuters*, "The Spanish were a bit hesitant but now they are ready to request aid." However, a senior German source said that the German government wants Spain to hold off so that decisions on Spain, Greece and Cyprus can be taken together. The longer the break-up of the eurozone is delayed, the worse it will become when finally this house of economic cards collapses in great chaos.

One of the most mind-boggling debates is going on in euroland right now – only one of many, but particularly guaranteed to make the head spin. It is over what is called "Target 2." Target 2 is the mechanism by which money is transferred around the euro area to ensure that each national central bank has sufficient euros to fund its banking system. It is worth explaining what is happening in more depth.

Accumulated cross border claims are now so extreme that they threaten to leave German taxpayers with huge losses should the euro break-up, or any one of its members leaves. Ger-

many does not want to treat Europe's debt as one – but the debts are already being shared although many Germans do not yet know it and it *certainly has not cured the crisis*. Should Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and Italy leave the euro, Germany would lose the thick end of 1 trillion euros, or around a quarter of GDP.

During the decade of the euro Germany has become the centre of an economic whirlpool. The economic and manufacturing power of its goods has gone out to peripheral euro countries, but all the money has come back and increasingly so as confidence in these countries has declined. Nor does it end there. The German banking system is piling on pressure into the eurozone core, including France, a country which in truth has more in common with Spain and Italy than it does with Germany. So, while everyone else is being frogmarched into austerity-oblivion, France is haring off in the other direction.

Even assuming that by some miracle, the eurozone periphery manages to

claw its way back to competitiveness, the madness of the euro is only setting itself up for an even worse crisis further down the road. The eurozone is well and truly entering its debt death throes.

In September 2011, the Centre for Policy Studies published the book *Guilty Men* by Peter Osborne and Francis Weaver. Those politicians, institutions and commentators who, over the last dozen years, sought to tie the fortunes of Britain to the Euro are held to account. This title is dynamite – it was surely calculated to explode among the politico-economic elite.

The original title of *Guilty Men* was a book published under the pseudonym 'Cato' in Great Britain in 1940 that attacked 15 British public figures in the National Government, before Churchill became prime minister, for their appeasement of Nazi Germany in the 1930s. The book's slogan was "*Let the guilty men retire.*" It is regarded as the classic denunciation of appeasement and is said to have shaped popular

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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thinking for twenty years. Lord Turner, the Chairman of the Financial Services Authority did not like it one little bit when Peter Osborne brought the book out of his pocket on BBC *Newsnight* and gave it to him. Interestingly, Lord Turner was even being suggested as the next Governor of the Bank of England. He has since admitted that he got it wrong in advocating that the euro was a good thing for Britain.

The Foreword of *Guilty Men* is by Peter Jay who writes: *"This book tells ... with a clear eye, sparing few blushes and sketching with rare insight the pathology of mind, a kind of group dementia, which progressively blinded those who should – and could – have known better of the nature of the betrayal they were perpetrating."*

The time to point out the errors to the nation, to be effective, has to be under the perfected direction of the Lord. Over the past year I have become very aware indeed of a direction from the Lord that has been extremely powerful. I did not set out originally to write the 7 booklets under the title 'National Faith Conservation,' but they came together month by month as the Lord brought them to my mind. Overlaying this, while perusing our library at Headquarters, I fell upon a statement issued by the Federation dated 1968. It felt like the right time – 44 years later – to renew and extend this Statement to the Protestant Church on Doctrine.

So it has been that during the recent Autumn period, over 100 packages have gone out to the leading prelates in the land as they have considered the selection of the 105th Archbishop of Canterbury (1/24th of 2520); to leading people in the State; Parliament; in the Christian media and in the media generally. Our covering letter stated as follows:

THE TIME IS NOW – A Standard is lifted in the sight of the People.

"According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence. So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59: 18-19).

Going on to say:

"It is beyond question that the integrity of the United Kingdom in all its aspects has been undermined during the past six decades. What has happened by neglect and deliberate action is unacceptable and the voice of the People must now be heard. We are a people in crisis desperately looking for positive guidance and leadership that will lead us out of the deepening quagmire of destruction.

"Is there a way out of the present impasse? What will change prevailing conditions and bring to the forefront leaders of spiritual stature and righteous convictions, joined by a people who are willing and ready to face every contingency that may suddenly confront us? The answer lies in the acknowledgement of our origin and destiny and, as a consequence, our responsibility as God's servant people. When we grasp this truth, we will be struck with the awe-inspiring fact that Divine Providence has intimately overshadowed the four main nations of the British Isles since the earliest times.

"The British people are a 'company of nations' in the Western World from which a God-ordered civilization sprung. The flow of this many-branched river dried up with the onset of a false vision that we had 'lost an empire and had not yet found a role.' It is our assertion that the Kingdom of God upon earth is still Divinely-controlled and, under righteous rulers administering the affairs of state, the prophecy of Daniel will come to pass:

'And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him' (Daniel 7:27)."

Our leaders have to be told that true leadership under Almighty God, rests with Jehovah, the God of our forefathers. It is why we are what we are as a people; why we have done what we have done as 'the People of the Book.' Let us all in 2013 continue to lift up a standard in the sight of the People.



The President, Michael Clark, reached his fortieth anniversary of service to the Board of Management in September, 2012. He was elected to serve under the presidency of Mr Wilfred Reynolds. He has a remarkable record of attendance and he has combined this long service to the British-Israel cause with writing and lecturing prolifically. This photograph was taken to mark the occasion at the Board Meeting held in Leeds on Saturday, 1 September, 2012.

Standing, L to R: Roy Senior, Kathleen Gage, Margery Dowling, Alfred Brown, Clifford Smyth; Front: David Aimer, Ernest Gage, Michael Clark

DIAMOND JUBILEE RALLY

The nation celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen in fine style over the long weekend of 2 – 5 June and the Federation followed suit with a Diamond Jubilee Rally held at Headquarters on Saturday, 30 June.

The President, Michael Clark opened the proceedings with his lecture to set the scene for the day. He drew attention to the significance of the decommissioning of the royal yacht *Britannia*. This is a Christian monarchy and kingdom but Christian teaching is often off balance on this subject. He referred to Tom Wright's new book *How GOD became KING* in which the author identifies the problem though he does not quite reach the solution. Mr Clark finished his lecture by linking the Diamond Jubilee with the diamond ring which appears on the sun at the end of a total eclipse. His closing words were this rousing sen-



tence: 'The Crown awaits the King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.'

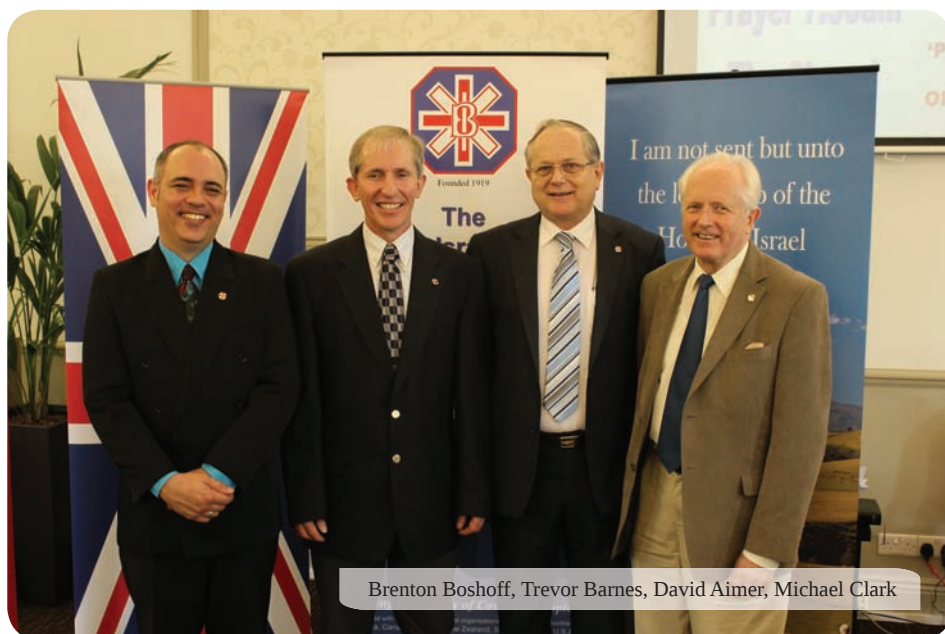
There was a magnificent spread laid on for a buffet lunch and afterwards there was plenty of time to look at the decorations and displays. Some people had brought souvenirs and memorabilia. Then after lunch, Martin Lightfoot invited contributions for 'Coronation Memories' which was a very enjoyable time of reminiscing and sharing experiences from that special day.

Thanksgiving prayers for Her Majesty's long reign and for her continued health and strength were led by Frank Tebbutt who used the *Book of Common Prayer* which celebrated its 350th anniversary in 2012.

The day closed with a Jubilee quiz prepared and conducted by Kathleen Gage. There was a suitably themed prize of a book on the Diamond Jubilee for the winner.



SUMMER CONVENTION



Brenton Boshoff, Trevor Barnes, David Aimer, Michael Clark

In this year of great events and celebrations members and friends gathered again for another week of teaching and fellowship on the theme of 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.' At the Welcome Meeting on the first evening Michael Clark, the President, linked this theme to the Elijah message and the need to go out far and wide with it. He introduced the new visitors from South Africa, Brenton Boshoff and Trevor Barnes, and passed on greetings from absent friends. David Aimer, the General Secretary, drew attention to the displays of Diamond Jubilee memorabilia and to the new free literature and books. He invited Carol Cream and John Battersby to give their testimony to their faith and it was very interesting to find out how the Lord leads people in such different ways to the same place. Ernest Gage, Chairman of the Board of Management closed the day with the Epilogue, reminding everyone of other anniversaries this year such as 800 years from the Charter of the City of York.

The Annual Meeting was held the following morning. The President chaired the meeting and the General Secretary presented the Annual Accounts of BIWF, CPC and Eli Press which were approved. Dr Clifford Smyth was re-elected to the Board but Mr Peter Bennett did not wish to stand again. There were no other candidates. Michael Clark had pleasure in announcing that Reverend Barrie Williams had agreed to become a patron to the Federation.

Loyal Greetings to The Queen had been sent earlier in the year to mark her Diamond Jubilee so the reply from the Palace had been received in good time. Michael Clark read out both letters. In the afternoon the lecture series started in earnest with Frank Tebbutt speaking to the theme from *Isaiah*. He was followed by Martin Lightfoot who presented an update on the study of haplogroups and how they support our case.

In the evening David Aimer conduct-

ed an on-stage interview with Brenton Boshoff, in order for Brenton to be formally introduced to the audience and to elaborate properly on his ministry in South Africa. David & Brenton worked together at the South African Expo in 2011 (see *BIWF Newsletter* January 2012) and since then Brenton and his colleague, Trevor Barnes, have been laying the foundations for a dedicated Israel-truth Bible School in South Africa. It was very interesting to learn about their experiences and the on-stage interview proved to be a great hit with the audience.

On Wednesday Alfred Brown gave another aspect of *Isaiah* in his lecture and then Michael Hunt spoke about Creation using not only slides of his bees but also the bees themselves which he had brought in his portable hive set up at the rear of the conference room. In the afternoon Glyn Lewis talked about Handel's Coronation Anthems as a 'gate of Israel' then Kathleen Gage continued in 'BI Basics' with a study on the 'Dry Bones' in *Ezekiel*. Michael Bennett,



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President of British-Israel Bible Truth Fellowship, gave the evening lecture on the theme of the Convention.

The next day saw lectures from Brenton Boshoff calling 'Do not lose heart, Israel'; Martin Lightfoot on great figures from the past called 'John' and the migrations; Robert Phillips on the Gospel of the Kingdom and David Aimer on 'Monarchs of the world' and how only the British royal throne fits the promises to King David. Michael Clark gave his Presidential address in the evening.

The final day began with George van der Laan, President of Bond Nederland, giving a lecture on his work there. Peter Bennett took his text for his lecture from *Isaiah* 40 and in the afternoon Michael Bennett spoke on 'God's Great Day,' the final lecture of the Convention. As usual the time together was completed by the Covenant Service which was led by David Aimer with the traditional last hymn 'God be with you til we meet again.'



Michael Clark and George van der Laan

The weather blessed our gathering too and mention must be made of those others who contributed to the programme and helped with the arrangements – Carol Cream, Janice Raby, Thelma Reynolds and Daniel

Lewis with the musical accompaniment; Ken Brack, Norman Pearson, Daniel Lewis and Margery Dowling (absent due to ill-health but her notes were read out by Philippa Clark) for Morning Devotions; Sue Lightfoot and Nicola Gallone on the bookstall. Most of the lectures were filmed by Philippa Clark who has produced DVDs from them which are now for sale from the Covenant Publishing Company.

Looking forward to next year, the Summer Convention will be from 22 - 27 July 2013 at Hothorpe Hall - put these dates in your diary now.



Portable Beehive



NATIONAL FAITH CONSERVATION BOOKLETS

The major outreach project undertaken this year was the writing, production and distribution of the set of seven *National Faith Conservation* booklets accompanied by the updated *Scripturally-based Kingdom Objectives* and a *Statement to the Protestant Church*. Michael Clark felt inspired to bring all this into action because he had observed how there seems to be organisations and enthusiasts for everything under the sun except for 'the faith once delivered to the saints' and our Christian heritage.

He began over the winter months using mainly previous material which he

revised as necessary. The Board of Management was involved with the Kingdom Objectives to ensure that they truly represented the views of the Federation. The preparation and printing of these booklets at HQ was a major operation since each set consists of all seven but they were ready in time for the Summer Convention in July.

With the nation's attention on the Diamond Jubilee closely followed by the Olympic and Paralympic Games, it was decided that the best time to send out these packs would be in the autumn when people return refreshed from their holidays. So in September

just over 100 leading individuals and organisations received this posting. At the time of writing there have been some very positive responses and few negative ones though there are still many who have not replied at all.

It continues to be a challenge as to how to reach 'the lost sheep of the House of Israel' with the Kingdom message of salvation and redemption for the nation under God that they urgently need to hear. There will be more new ventures in the year to come and the President and the Board greatly value your prayers and support.



COVENANT NATIONS WEEKEND

As Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II began her Diamond Jubilee tour around the United Kingdom the Federation held its first event of the year to celebrate 'Crown and Commonwealth in Diamond Jubilee Year' on the weekend of 10/11 March. It was held at the Quality Hotel in St Alban's where the 91st Congress had been held.

The President, Michael Clark, opened the proceedings with a welcome to everyone at midday. After setting out the importance of the subjects of the weekend's lectures he was very pleased to

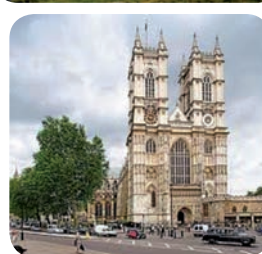
hand over to Ann-Marie Parker MBE who related her experience, only three days previously, of attending a special service of dedication and thanks at St Paul's Cathedral for the Order of the British Empire. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were present and Ann-Marie had a seat only a very short distance from their chairs.

She brought the order of service with her and it was exciting to hear that it opened with *Psalms* 121 which has a special significance for BIWF in connection with the move north from London. The opening hymn was 'O Praise ye the Lord' followed later by another *Psalms*, 67, which she said her father always called **the** Israel psalm. *Proverbs* 3 and *Hebrews* 11 were the Scripture readings. The Lord Mayor of London was there with the Pearl Sword which is so called because of the 2,500 pearls on its scabbard. It was given to the City by Elizabeth I when she opened the Royal Exchange in 1570. It was very inspiring to hear about this great ceremony in which the monarch was rededicated to the service of the Lord in the nation.

The first lecture after lunch was Michael Clark who spoke on the fulfilment of prophecy through the ages in the nation. Reverend Barrie Williams followed him with a fascinating address on the Crown in the United Kingdom and how the present constitutional arrangements developed down the centuries. David Aimer closed the day with

his lecture on the growth of the commonwealth and the empires of other Israel nations too. One little known fact is that some countries asked to join the Empire – they were neither defeated in war nor by trade.

The following morning there was a time of 'Prayer for the Nations' led by Pastor David Aimer in which everyone participated with their own pleas to the Lord God of Israel that He might cleanse and revive us in these dark and wicked days. The President sent everyone on their way with a message of thanks.



93rd ANNUAL CONGRESS

This year it was the turn of the north to host the 93rd Annual Congress so for the third time Gilsland Spa was the venue. Its position near to Carlisle and the beautiful countryside made it a very popular place on the previous visits. Once again everything was very comfortable and everyone enjoyed the food and facilities.

Michael Clark, the President, opened the weekend with his lecture on 'The Question of Leadership – whose Kingdom is it? This interesting point illustrated one aspect of the theme of the Congress 'He shall rule over the house of Jacob for ever.' After breakfast the next morning Martin Lightfoot gave a presentation on 'British Royals' Welsh and Hebrew Roots' which showed the evidence very clearly.

Robert Phillips gave a powerful lecture on the theme of the Congress before lunch after which there was time for people to relax and enjoy the lovely surroundings. At tea time it was a pleasure to mark a significant birthday for Mrs Pat Hardwick who has been a dedicated supporter in the North-west for many years. The cakes were delicious! Jory Brooks from the Canadian British-Israel Association was making his second visit to a BIWF Congress at Gilsland and spoke on 'Ezekiel's most puzzling Prophecy' after tea. He visits



Michael Clark and Jory Brooks

the United Kingdom regularly on research trips to the British Library and it was a most interesting study providing answers to some difficult questions about the 40 years and 390 years in the history of Judah and Israel.

Clifford Smyth spoke on Saturday evening about his involvement with two historical sites, one in Scotland and one in Northern Ireland, 'Devenish and Kilravock.' The story of what happened was told with slides and his usual entertaining style. Then Anne Smyth sang and played her accordion. She invited requests from the floor for favourite hymns and there was a special

performance of 'Calon Lan' sung by Anne Walton, Janice Raby and David Reynolds. She closed with the story of the French connection to the hymn 'Nearer, my God, to thee,' singing it in French as her finale.

Morning Worship on Sunday was led by Frank Tebbutt and then later, after the afternoon rest period and tea, David Aimer gave a very intriguing presentation titled 'Where is the Birth Certificate?' Taking the subject of leadership he showed how the evidence adds up to a very strange picture of President Obama of the USA. Who indeed is this current leader of Manasseh? The day concluded with Jory Brooks speaking again, this time on 'Who was Abraham and where did he come from?' It was very helpful to have the historical background set out so clearly.

Michael Clark closed Congress with his thanks to all concerned for coming and for their support and encouragement. Next year it will be held in Winchester, the ancient capital of England and he looked forward to seeing everyone there.



Anne Smyth, David Reynolds, Anne Walton and Janice Raby

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN 2012

BIWF has purchased this official portrait marking the Diamond Jubilee of The Queen and it now hangs above the fireplace in the Main Hall.

As reported in '*Life* in the BIWF' there has been a new venture started at Headquarters by David Aimer called Eli Press. This is a publishing operation which suits those authors who cannot find a large publisher to take their work. They design their own covers; choose how many copies to be printed and Eli Press does the rest leaving only the selling and promotion of their books to them. The equipment in the Printing Room is able to produce books to a very high standard and now that a new guillotine has been bought for the final finishing the process is much less strenuous and so larger quantities can be made more easily.

The extra income and the new equipment are of great benefit to both BIWF and to CPC. Book orders for considerable quantities of books in the catalogue arrive regularly, there is free literature to produce and new editions are being done all the time. These are the titles which have been brought out this year: *The Hidden Treasure of the Parables*; *The Tender Twig*; *Royal Peculiar*; *Why does Britain have the Lion and the Unicorn?* and *The Assyrian Invasions and Deportations of Israel*. Some of these books from the past are revised in the light of modern research and recent events so they are valuable additions to your library.



DID YOU KNOW

Biomimicry is the science of observing nature and then using these observations in the development of new products.

OBITUARIES

Archibald Edmiston Linnegan,
13 November 1930 – 24 October 2012.

Some reminiscences about my old friend and brother in Christ: Archibald Edmiston Linnegan – known more familiarly to us as ‘Archie’ – from my own memories of almost 60 years of friendship.

In 1952 Archie married Moira McLeod. During the early 1950s, he was a strongly committed member of the Communist Party in Govan, Glasgow and was keenly concerned about questions of social injustice and unfairness. But later (during his national service with the Royal Air Force) Archie became what is sometimes disparagingly referred to as a ‘Born Again’ Christian. He also became actively involved with a small Pentecostal Church here in Glasgow – in open air preaching; in children’s seaside mission work; and in evangelical witness among the ‘down and outs’ in the Glasgow City Centre during the ‘wee sma’ hours’ of the morning – doing what is now known as the work of ‘Street Pastors.’

During the 1960s I lost contact with him and Archie and Moira joined (some would say returned) to the Scottish Episcopal Church in which they had earlier been married. Then in the early 1970s, Archie and I met up again and (joining together with another old friend and Christian brother – Jim Winter), we held open air Christian meetings every Saturday afternoon for many years at the space in front of what used to be the Stirling Library in Queen Street just off George Square.

It was during these years that both Archie and I came to accept the historic Reformed Christian Faith and its importance for both the life of individuals and families and that of the nation as a whole. It was also at this time that Archie, Jim Winter, Jim Faulds and I became centrally involved with the Full Gospel Businessman’s Fellowship International (FGBMFI).

In the 1980s and 90s, Archie became more and more convinced about the need of the nation for the renewal of our

historic Christian Faith. And it was also during this period (in 1986) that he was appointed a Lay Reader in the Scottish Episcopal Church here in Glasgow.

In the years after 2000, he became a supporter and member of the Scottish Christian Party (SCP) and was a candidate in the 2007 Election for the Scottish Parliament. It was also during these years that Archie was elected to the Board of Management of BIWF – a member of which he had become very soon after his conversion to the Christian Faith in the 1950s. Archie lectured widely (on behalf of the BIWF) on the need for national repentance and of the need for the nation (i.e. for both Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom) to return to their historic Christian foundations.

Indeed – Archie was proud to be both Scottish and British; and he was convinced that constitutional change by itself will not save our nation – whether or not Scotland becomes independent or remains part of the United Kingdom is merely a side issue in the overall scheme of things. Rather – he believed that the destiny and the health, strength and prosperity of the nations of Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland (and for that matter the Republic of Ireland) will be determined primarily by the presence or absence of the Christian Faith in these Islands. For as Holy Scripture states it: “*Where there is no vision, the people perish*” (Proverbs 29:18); but “*Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance*” (Psalm 33:12).

Archie’s passion and commitment to the Christian Gospel (the Good News) of the Kingdom of God can be summed up in 3 major points:

1. He held to a high view of the authority of Holy Scripture – in other words: there was to be no ‘downgrading’ of the Bible for Archie.
2. He also believed in the need for unity (though not uniformity) among Bible-be-

lieving Christians and Churches against the malignant and destructive force of secular humanism – which is just another word for atheism.

3. And he firmly believed in the application of the Word of God to all of our human life – to individuals, families, communities and nations.

If Archie’s main vision in life could be summed up in one text from Holy Scripture, it would surely be: “*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you*” (Matthew 6:33).

The following tributes were made by two of the associations to which Archie gave his allegiance:

The Scottish Christian Party has said: “Archie was a keen supporter of the Scottish Christian Party and stood as a candidate in 2007. He was a familiar face at any outreach when a witness was to be made for the Gospel; now he has gone to be with the Lord he loved. Archie had a keen sense of humour and it was a joy to be around him. He will be missed by all his friends in the Glasgow Branch.”

The BIWF has said: “Archie was a life-long member of the Federation; was a member of its Board of Management; was greatly concerned about the spiritual decline of the nation and the abysmal failure of the national churches to directly address this problem; and he will be mourned by the many who greatly appreciated his commitment to the proclamation of the full Gospel of the Kingdom of God.”

In conclusion – Archie was a loving husband and father; a much loved family man; a faithful exponent of the Gospel of the Kingdom; a loyal and dedicated member of his Church and a very dear friend.

I commend to your memory – the life and example of Archie Linnegan.

Bob Graham

THE DIVINE COMMISSION

For all Christians in the present world confusion

The Christian should rejoice that he has the four greatest things in the world:

- The greatest person, our Lord Jesus Christ
- The greatest power, the Spirit of God
- The greatest book, the Word of God in the Bible
- The greatest programme, the Kingdom of God on earth

The greatest programme, as analysed by Stanley Jones, missionary to India.

1. Good news to the poor – the economically disinherited
2. Release to the captives – the socially and politically disinherited
3. The opening of the eyes of the blind – the physically disinherited
4. The setting at liberty them that are bruised – the morally and spiritually disinherited
5. The Lord's Year of Jubilee – a new beginning on a world scale
6. The Spirit of the Lord – the dynamic behind it all



Rev. John Shenton

As He taught us to pray: "*Thy Kingdom come*" (Luke 11:2).

REV JOHN W SHENTON

The National Message Compendium Issue

OBITUARIES

Mrs Jan Chapman

Jan died suddenly on Monday, 27 February 2012 – Enid and I called at her home at 3 pm to take her with us to a very nice country Coffee House that we all enjoyed. Jan was well and very chatty. Five minutes later she collapsed, and died in hospital two hours later without regaining consciousness. We were so grateful that we were with her when she took ill.

Jan was born in West Cumbria but she and her husband, Tom, moved to Carlisle when he was promoted to be in charge of the Ambulance Service in North Cumbria. It was at that time that we got to know them both, and from our first meeting a deepening friend-

ship was born. Tom died a number of years ago.

Upon moving to Carlisle they came into contact with friends who were members of the BIWF Carlisle Branch, and the rest is history! They said that the National Message contained in the Bible answered so many questions to which they had hitherto sought answers without success. They had been Christians for a number of years before they heard of the Israel message.

Jan was a very loyal friend; and a very caring nurse at one of the Carlisle hospitals. She always went the 'extra mile' for her patients which they very much valued and spoke about. She was a

gifted seamstress and embroiderer which was an extension of her artistic appreciation of all things of quality – be they clothes or household items.

We remember Jan as a truly Christian loyal friend who quietly helped so many people in different ways – and always without fuss. The day before she died she was at church, as usual; and she said to the two friends that she sat with "I won't be here next week, I am going home!" When she died we couldn't grieve for her because we believe that her spirit is in God's safe keeping whilst she awaits her resurrection body. Jan leaves two sons and a daughter.

Frank Tebbutt

RALLIES AND NATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE EVENTS

Ulster Rallies

There were two rallies again this year, both taking place at the Chimney Corner Hotel which is turning out to be a very popular venue in easy reach from Belfast and surrounding areas. Clifford Smyth and Michael Clark were the speakers in April and it was a very well attended event with about 50 people there. David Aimer provided the Covenant Publishing bookstall and business was brisk. The centenary of the sinking of the *Titanic* was foremost in people's minds since the meeting was held on that actual date. Anne Smyth provided some poignant entertainment by singing *Nearer my God to Thee* in memory of the tragedy.

David Aimer and Martin Lightfoot were the speakers at the second one in September. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and teaching and the opportunity to gather together.

Carlisle Rally

The Rally held in the Church of Scotland, Carlisle, on 2 June was attended by 18 people. This was fewer than expected as, sadly, several were prevented from coming through illness. One such absentee was our much loved and respected friend Archie Linnehan from Glasgow. The seriousness of his illness was not known at the time but, at quite short notice, his place was taken by Martin Lightfoot. Our other speaker was David Aimer who gave an interesting talk on the life of the Queen, with evidence of her knowledge of her responsibilities and destiny even at an early age. Martin Lightfoot gave a suitably illustrated talk on 'The Greek Connection,' showing historical and archaeological evidences of Israelite movements in that area of Europe during their westerly migrations.

Morecambe Rally

There was a welcome return to the Federation platform by Nelson McCausland from Belfast at this year's

Rally. He spoke about the proud role of British history in the world and how the union of the nations and the monarchy have been undermined by false teaching in recent years. Michael Clark, Norman Pearson, Alfred Brown, David Hilliard, David Aimer and Carol Cream were the other speakers with Morning Worship and Evensong led by Bishop John McLean.

Scottish Area Rally

There were about 30 people at the event in April, 12 of whom were BI friends. The others came because of the publicity sent out though none of them were ministers despite an extensive email campaign in which all the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church ministers were contacted as well as 70-80 of the Baptist and other churches. The topic was 'Has Christianity a future?' and the lectures were well received with much free literature taken. The speakers were Rev Barrie Williams and Robert Graham.

Our Christian Heritage – Durham Cathedral

The first National Bible College tour of the year took place in March with a visit

to Durham Cathedral on a lovely sunny day. Martin Lightfoot led the group of 18 around the interior of this ancient place of Christian worship.

We were able to see the 'As birds flying' window which portrays Durham with the well-known scripture which Martin explained. He led the group on to see the Venerable Bede's tomb and St Cuthbert's shrine. It is a very interesting and historical place.

The National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery – London

The first weekend in November saw another large group meeting outside the National Gallery ready for a visit to the National Portrait Gallery to see the portraits of the kings and queens who have been of such profound importance to our history and Christian heritage. Martin Lightfoot began with Richard III (there are no portraits on display earlier than his reign) and took us on a journey through time and place from the Tudors through all the subsequent centuries to the climax with the stunning painting of Queen Victoria giving a Bible to an African Prince (see *The Covenant Nations*, Vol. 1 No 9).

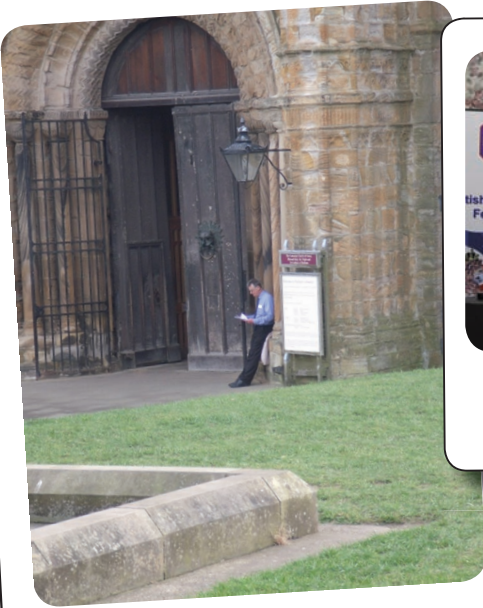
DID YOU KNOW?

Bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers were all invented by women.

Ishmael had twelve sons – "*twelve princes according to their nations*" (Genesis 25:16).

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SCRAPBOOK



Have I come on the right day?



I was 'speed reading' a pile of books this high!



Marking time on the Prime Meridian



Traitors' Gate – closed for too long



Hiding from the BI truth at Hothorpe



He has been standing here for days without moving

DID YOU KNOW?

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

The Time Ball on the Royal Observatory at Greenwich falls daily at 1.00 pm.

Six hours a day, for six years from 1906-1912, William Walker worked in diving equipment 6½ yards beneath the surface and under water to underpin the foundations of Winchester Cathedral.

Thanks

We would like to thank everybody for his or her contributions this past year. All the organizing of meetings and conferences and all the kind donations, letters and prayers are truly appreciated.

A Form of Bequest to incorporate in Will

To those who may be desirous of assisting the Federation by way of legacies, the following Form of Bequest is recommended to be incorporated in your Will.

I give and bequeath to: **The British-Israel-World Federation**
Charity No: 208079

121 Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 0HA, the sum of £_____ sterling, free of Inheritance Tax, to be paid to the Financial Secretary, for the time being, of the Federation, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for such legacy.

N.B. A legacy need not necessarily be in money; any property may now be given by Will for Charitable purposes.

Donations

For all those who would like to give a portion of their tithe, big or small, as a donation to the Federation; all cheques, order or bank drafts (in sterling for overseas donations) can be made payable to BIWF, and sent to Headquarters at Low Etherley.

Please indicate if you are a UK tax payer so that we can claim the Gift Aid portion from the Inland Revenue.

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